

Amendments to the Specification are as follows:

Before the first sentence on page 1 please insert the following paragraph.

This application is the national stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/012145 filed on August 18, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-297366 filed on August 21, 2003 and 2003-377823 filed on November 7, 2003, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 and ending on page 8, line 4 as follows:

Thus, in the present invention, the overall form of the electronic device and the forms of the individual display portions are portrait-oriented when the first securing means secures the predetermined short sides of the first and second casings. Such forms are suitable for a cellular phone mode; for example, the first display portion may be used as a screen display portion for utilizing, for example, characters, and the second display portion may be used as an input part, that is, as a screen display portion for input operation. The display portions can thus be used with no dead area (area that does not contribute to screen display) to provide a portrait-oriented screen for the cellular phone mode.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5 and ending on page 8, line 20 as follows:

The overall form of the electronic device can also be landscape-oriented when the second securing means secures the predetermined long sides of the second and second casings. In addition, the first and second display portions can be combined to form a landscape-oriented large-screen display portion. In this case, the landscape-oriented screen display portion can be prevented from being excessively long by suitably adjusting the ratio between the long and short sides of the first display portion and the ratio

between the long and short sides of the second display portion. The large-screen display portion composed of the first and second display portions is therefore suitable as a screen display portion for a television/Internet mode. Also, in this case, a landscape-oriented screen for the television/Internet mode can be provided with no dead area (area that does not contribute to screen display).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 20 and ending on page 29, line 10 as follows:

In Fig. 7A, the inner edge 1A1 on the first display unit 1 side is rotated ~~anticlockwise~~counterclockwise from the position indicated by the dotted lines shown in the drawing to the position indicated by the solid lines shown in the drawing. On the other hand, the inner edge 2A1 on the second display unit 2 side is rotated clockwise from the position indicated by the dotted lines shown in the drawing to the position indicated by the solid lines shown in the drawing. As a result, the first and second display portions 1a and 2a are directly adjacent to each other, and the inner edges 1A1 and 2A1 do not appear in the center of the screens. In Fig. 7B, the first and second display units 1 and 2 can then be slid in the directions in which they approach each other to minimize the gap between the edges of the first and second display portions 1a and 2a, thus forming a more easily viewable screen display portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 22 and ending on page 33, line 4 as follows:

The display portions 11A and 12A in the third mode are separated by sliding them in the directions opposite the above directions. In Fig. 8B, the first display unit 11 is rotated clockwise about the rotating shaft 11b, and the second display unit 12 is rotated ~~anticlockwise~~counterclockwise about the

rotating shaft 12b. As a result, the electronic device B can be set to the second mode shown in Fig. 8C.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 33, line 25 and ending on page 34, line 5 as follows:

In Fig. 8C, the first display unit 11 in the second mode is rotated clockwise about the rotating shaft 11b, and the second display unit 12 is rotated ~~anticlockwise~~counterclockwise about the rotating shaft 12b. As a result, the electronic device B can be set to the third mode shown in Fig. 8B.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 40, line 23 and ending on page 41, line 7 as follows:

In this embodiment, for example, the second casing 102 includes control means 123 shown in Fig. 14. This control means 123 includes a first screen processing part 123a for setting the first display portion 103 of the first casing 101 as a cellular phone liquid crystal screen and the second display portion 110 of the second casing 102 as a cellular phone input part, that is, a liquid crystal touch panel, in response to a signal output from the first sensor 109, which detects the locking operation of the first locking means including the components 106a and 106b.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 44, line 7 and ending on page 44, line 15 as follows:

The first casing 101 in Fig. 9, for example, is then manually rotated ~~anticlockwise~~counterclockwise. Referring to Fig. 13, the second locking means component 108a engages with the second locking means component 108b with the edges of the first and second display portions 103 and 110, namely the predetermined long sides 101b and 102b of the first and second casings 101 and 102, being in contact with each other. Accordingly, the first and second casings 101 and 102 are locked by the second locking means.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 46, line 21 and ending on page 47, line 13 as follows:

In the cellular phone mode, according to the embodiment described above, the first display portion 103 of the first casing 101 is set as a liquid crystal screen, and the second display portion 110 of the second casing 102 is set as an input part, namely a liquid crystal touch panel. In the television/Internet mode, on the other hand, the first and second display portions 103 and 110 are combined into a single, large liquid crystal screen. Accordingly, the display portions 103 and 110 have no dead area (area that does not contribute to screen display). In addition, the first display portion 103 can provide a portrait-oriented screen suitable as a cellular phone with an aspect ratio of 3:2, and the first and second display portions 103 and 110 can provide a combined landscape-oriented screen suitable for television and the Internet with an aspect ratio of 3:4. That is, two different screens with desired aspect ratios can readily be provided by relatively rotating the first and second casings 101 and 102.

Please delete page 51, line 5 as follows:

~~Industrial Applicability~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 51, line 14 and ending on page 51, line 20 as follows:

Another electronic device according to the present invention can form a portrait-oriented screen suitable as a cellular phone and a landscape-oriented screen suitable for television and the Internet with no dead area (area that does not contribute to screen display). This electronic device can therefore readily provide two different screens with conventionally desired aspect ratios.